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Happy Holidays!

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Alumni Reunion Attracts Grads; Careers Viewed

Following a long-established school tradition, Tilden students will return to their alma mater on December 23, to participate in the annual Alumni Day, designed to renew old friendships among the graduates and to broaden our college counseling and vocational guidance programs.

The addition of a new feature, which distinguishes this Alumni Day is the conference on business careers for students who do not plan to attend college. The traditional college conferences, conducted by the Tilden alumni now attending these colleges, is under the direction of Miss Grand. Their purpose is to inform high school students about many phases of college life: vocational, academic, extracurricular, and social. The business conference would be of great aid in giving the non-college bound student information on finding and holding the right job, and meeting qualifications for employment in business.

Alumni at the counseling sessions will have with them, for distribution, bulletins, leaflets, banners, and other material about their respective schools.

College conferences will be conducted from 1 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. An announcement will be sent to official classes stating in which rooms each college will be discussed and who the principal speakers will be. The business conference and the Alumni Reunion will be held in the Girls' Gymnasium.

Business sessions will be under the direction of Mr. Saltz, Alumni Advisor; Mr. Schorr, Chairman of the Secretarial Studies Department; and Mr. Wolpert, Chairman of the Accounting Department.

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Thespians Planning Annual Spring Play

A Moss Hart-George S. Kaufman comedy, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, will be presented by Tilden thespians, announced Mr. Joel Dick of the Speech Department. The production, as of now, is scheduled to take place sometime in May.

The Man Who Came to Dinner is a play about an eccentric television personality who accidentally breaks his leg while visiting the home of a Mid-western family. Comical developments result when strange and weird characters visit him during his convalescence.

Mr. Dick considers this play to be one of the most humorous in our contemporary repertory. Written and produced on Broadway in 1939, it was a tremendous success. Later, it was adapted for the movies and, in this medium, it also received wide acclaim.

The play is now in the process of being cast. Auditions will be held January third, fourth, sixth, and ninth during periods nine to eleven in room 227. Twenty to twenty-five parts are available to anyone interested. Membership in the Drama Guild is not required. All students planning to audition for any of the leading or supporting roles are advised to read the play during the Christmas holiday.

Journalist Discusses High School Papers

"The primary interest of a newspaper is its readers, not its advertisers," stated Richard Wendt of the *New York Times* at a Press Council meeting held December 7 at the New York High School of Printing in Manhattan.

Mr. Wendt, manager of the reproduction and gravure department, discussed newspaper procedure for the expressed purpose of promoting high journalistic standards and keeping editors advised of current developments in the newspaper industry. Valuable pointers were given covering all phases of newspaper production from the designing of stories to the delivery of the papers.

The New York City High School Press Council is sponsored by the High School Division and the Board of Education. The purpose of this council is to promote a better understanding of a more favorable public opinion toward teen-agers through cooperative efforts with the various mass media serving our community.

Last year such prominent guest journalists as James Wechsler, editor of the *New York Post*, Pierre Huss, U.N. correspondent for the Hearst Headline Service, and David Steinberg, financial writer for the *Herald Tribune*, spoke at the conferences.

The Press Council also sponsors an intelscholastic newspaper contest. Awards are presented to high school newspapers which excel in categories ranging from cartooning to news writing.

The Council plans to continue its annual presentation of the Metropolitan News Award. The award last year went to the *Herald Tribune*.

Brain vs. Brawn

Tickets are now on sale for that great battle of brain against brawn to be fought on the basketball court of the Boys' Gymnasium once again. This traditional event, the semi-annual Arista Longfellow basketball game and dance, will occur on December 23, Friday evening at 7:30 P.M.

Hurry and get your tickets, because none will be sold at the door. The tickets, at fifty cents each, will be sold by members of the respective societies.

Arista and Longfellow cheerleaders will be on hand at the game. Music at the dance will be provided by the Tilden Dance Band.

Pratt Institute Reps Speak at Conference

Pratt Institute, and the subjects it offers, was discussed at the career conference of December 7. Mr. Dean, Director of Admissions and Professor Zelios, Chairman of the Department of Industrial Engineering, told students of the five major schools of Pratt Institute, one of the oldest colleges in Brooklyn. They are: engineering, architecture, art, fashion, and institutional administration; all of which prepare students for professional degrees.

Students interested in these career conferences held each Wednesday during the A.M. long official should secure a ticket of admission in Miss Grand's office before the day of the conference.

Victors of Senior Celeb Contest Accept Titles at 'Letter' Hop

Senior Celebrities were announced at the semi-annual Red Letter Hop held December 9. In front of an enthusiastic, cheering assemblage of Tilden students, mainly seniors, the Senior Class Officers made public for the first time the results of the November 16 elections.

Eli Schelin and Eileen Roseman have laid claim to the title of Mr. and Miss Tilden. Elected Most Likely To Succeed was Bernard Hoffman, and his female counterpart is Arlene Karp. The two Most Popular Seniors are Mel Vader and Illene Wagner.

In the glamour department we have Eleanor Bordman as Prettiest Senior, Ellen Schwartz as Cutest, Phyllis Smith as Miss Dimples, and Susan Rosner as Most Charming. Mark Gross has won the title of Handsomest

l. to r.: Hoffman, Wagner, Roseman, Vader, Schelin, Karp.

Senior. The honor of being Most Versatile Boy goes to Norman Jacobson and Barbara Canterella has aspired to the female section of that distinction.

Jay Levy won the title of Class Wit and Ricki Elkins laughed herself into the most Cheerful Senior position. Snazzy attire has paid off for the Best Dressed Senior, Lenora Aroesty, and water and oil colors have given fame to Joyce Zimmerman, Class Artist.

Musically speaking we have Susan Rosensweig as Class Vocalist. Nina Mendry is the new Class Muician and Bruce Ostrow and Shelly Gorlick have whirled into the honor of Best Boy and Girl Dancers.

Topics' own Portia Shapiro has written off the title of Class Journalist while Chris Sarokwash has literally talked her way into the position of Class Orator. Best Boy and Girl Athletes are Marty Senall and Lynne Schaffer. Harvey Hermer and Morty Stahl have copped the title of Most Popular Pair of Boys while Holly Feuer and her sister, Enid, have been chosen Most Popular Pair of Girls.

Extra - 'Senior Bye-Line' Scoops Top Sing Honors

Janie Baum leading Senior Sing during rehearsal.

"Senior Bye-Line" scored 655 points, and overwhelmed the junior and sophomore classes in Tilden's Eighth Annual Sing. The senior victors, led by Barbara Smolansky, chairman, and Janie Baum, choral leader, rejoiced in triumph upon hearing the judges' decision at the Saturday evening performance, December 17. This class has never placed third, and with this victory to their record, they have broken Sing tradition.

With a score of 579 points, the "Juniors In ICE-olation" placed second. Following the juniors by a margin of two points, the "Soph Sleuths" accumulated 577 points to place third. Mr. Alfred Weil served as Sing faculty advisor. He was assisted by Mr. Joel Dick and Mr. Everett Kerner. The art, Longfellows, and stage squad supervisors were: Mr. John Eustis, Mr. Ernest Rosen, and Mr. Wally Hochman, respectively.

Eighth Annual Sing

With a total registration of 1250 participants, Tilden's Eighth Annual Sing went into production. The two actual performances, held on the evenings of Friday, December 16, and Saturday, December 17, were presented in the Tilden auditorium.

Renee Schiffman, chairman; Harriet Bergman, and Toby Sherotsky, co-choral leaders, aided by Joan Podwal, piano accompanist, and a four piece band, contributed their talents to the sophomore class' production, "Soph Sleuths." A search for the perfect Miss Tilden, found in the sophomore class, was the theme for the "Sleuths" presentation. The alma mater was written by Jessie Platt and John Podwal.

Upon the exit of the sophomores, Richard Steinberg, chairman, and Sharon Barell, choral leader, supervised the presentation of "Juniors In ICE-olation." The musical accompaniment included Larry Pariser, pianist, and a three-man combo. Larry and Richard wrote the lyrics and music for the original alma mater, respectively. The Juniors depicted a situation where a blizzard had engulfed Tilden, trapping the students.

"Senior Bye-Line," ably commanded by Barbara Smolansky, chairman, and Janie Baum, choral leader was the grand finale on the Sing program. An original alma mater was composed by Janie. Musical accompaniment was provided by Jeff Loger, pianist for his third year, and a six piece band. The "Senior Bye-Liners" demonstrated the task of publishing a newspaper as their farewell gift to Tilden.

Each of the seven judges scored Sing on a one hundred point basis. The judges present at the Friday night performance were: Mr. John Eustis, Miss Rebecca Grand and Miss Anita Scher. At the Saturday evening performance, Mr. Sol Berlin, Miss Carol Chaprak, Miss Gloria Green, and Mrs. Patricia Miller served as judges. Mr. Abraham Margolies was the honorary chief judge.

—Portia Shapiro

Parliament Convene Discusses Top Issues

Establishing a co-ed lunchroom, a new constitution, new clubs and teams, and getting better publicity for Tilden were some of the topics discussed at the second student cabinet meeting, held on December 1.

Present at this meeting was the presiding officer, Jay Kranis, President of the G.O.; Isabel Goodman, Secretary of the G.O.; Eddie Morgano, representing the swimming team; Jim Bisbee and Fred Nocella, captains of the track team; Aurora Vitale, News Editor of *Tilden Topics;* and representatives of the Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior classes. Also attending this meeting were Mr. Abraham Margolies, Mr. Albert Zahn, Mr. Matthew Metlis, and Mr. Joseph Smallberg.

The first topic discussed was that of the co-ed lunchroom. Mr. Smallberg pointed out that Tilden had a co-ed lunchroom five years ago which failed. Discipline could not be maintained and the boys continued to sit in their own section as did the girls. Also, because of the overcrowded conditions that prevail during lunch period, a co-ed lunchroom would be impossible.

The second topic of the agenda was the revising of the constitution regarding the requirements for G.O. officers. It was stated that requirements for all officers should be uniform and that a rise in service credit, instead of average, should be one of the revisions.

New Athletic Teams

Finally, the establishment of new athletic clubs and teams was discussed. Mr. Margolies stated that the results of a poll conducted in the boys' gym indicated riflery was the overwhelming choice of most students for a new club and team.

The next meeting of the Student Cabinet will be held early next month. An inter-school sing, the *New York Times* distribution, and a spring concert or play will then be discussed.

TOPICS TALKS:

CITY COLLEGE FEES?

After an extensive ten month examination, a three-man committee headed by Henry T. Heald, submitted a report to Governor Rockefeller suggesting the reorganization of New York State's higher educational system. Their recommendation to end the traditional tuition-free policy in the New York City municipal colleges, directly affects a majority of Tilden students.

Granted, college enrollment in New York has skyrocketed in the past few years and will double by 1970. But does this necessitate the involvement of our city's public higher educational institutions? Included in the financial methods to revamp New York's higher education, is the initiation of a $300 fee to be imposed upon the undergraduate students of the city colleges. However, there is a provision permitting a rebate to students maintaining at least a C average, and coming from families earning less than $5000 a year.

Presently, a $300 tuition fee is not a considerable amount of money to be paid for a college education. It is comparatively less than the fees charged by private colleges and universities. However, if this recommendation is passed by the New York State Legislature in January 1961, the traditional tuition-free principle applied in the municipal colleges would no longer be in effect. The proposed fee would be a gateway to periodic tuition increases as a method of raising additional funds.

The New York City Board of Higher Education has recently announced a proposal to unify the municipal colleges into a city university. This suggestion to expand the educational facilities in our city is a welcome step towards higher education. The traditional tuition-free principle would remain in effect in the undergraduate division of the university. The graduate school would charge a "modest" fee.

In this metropolis of 8,000,000, there are hundreds of thousands of worthy students for whom a free higher education is imperative. Mr. Heald desires that a state university be programmed and financed in order to be "worthy of the people of New York." On this point we are in complete agreement, but not at the expense of ending all hope of a higher education for many of New York City's students.

The Heald committee's recommendations to expand the educational facilities in New York State are indeed commendable. This is a worthwhile undertaking for the benefit of the student population. However, the colleges must remain tuition free, if we are to strive for an educated society.

Madison Avenue Boys Back Britain's Bard

On the night of June 3, 1958 a secret meeting was held in the headquarters of the LSMFT (Lovers of Shakespeare and other Modern Forms of Torture, Inc.). The members all worked in fields involving Shakespeare (teaching, writing witty dialogue for Paladin, etc.), and were unsuccessful due to general teenage apathy. How could they liven up the Bard-of-Avon? The suggestion that they call him the Beard-of-Avon, thereby appealing to the intellectuals seemed unwise. So did writing a song popularizing Shakespeare. After all, Shakespeare Uber Alles Cha-Cha-Cha sung by Wackie Jilson could go just so far.

Finally they called in an ad-man. He immediately told them that they would have to make the Bard interesting, appealing, and stimulating to the average teenager. One heretic brought up the point that Shakespeare didn't look like Tuesday Weld. However, he was quickly reminded that neither did Kennedy.

So the ad-man put forth his plan. First, specially designed comic books were prepared. Fully illustrated and in 10 colors, they contained lines from Shakespeare intermixed with lines from Batman. Though some cynics scoffed at Batman's now immortal speech, "To be Batman or not to be Batman," the books were an instant success. This was immediately followed up by a flood of songs on the Shakespearean theme. The most popular, based on Macbeth were, "Mac the Knife" and "I'm Gonna Wash that King Right Outta my Hair."

Shakespeare swept the country. Nothing could stop him. Some complained of the excessive violence in Shakespeare as compared with the gentle "adult westerns." However, television was flooded with "adult Elizabethans." Naturally, the students were most affected; hundreds of "I Like Bill" Clubs were formed. Under the gentle influence of the Bard, teaching became a pleasure. The country's economy, however, almost collapsed as people rushed from well-paying jobs in industry to the tranquil life of teaching.

So the next time you see a student wandering through Tilden's fair and foggy halls commenting on the political condition in Denmark while washing his hands and borrowing his friends' ears. . . . —*Robert Kessler*

Brand X High Hint: 'Tildenite Go Home!'

As the sun glittered brightly upon the mosaic-tiled main entrance of Brand X High School, a suspicious looking character was seen breaking through the picket line that the male students had formed to protest against the marble rolling and hopskotch teams. They want a more rugged sport and since football is banned —potato races maybe? Finally, reaching the door, he assuredly flashed his *Tilden Topics* press pass and was immediately denied entrance. Using the rear exit, he entered Brand X illegally, and after getting lost innumerable times, found himself confronted with a large bronze statue of a Spanish actor. He mistook the statue for a chewing gum disposal. While looking for a clean spot, he was seized by the marshal for not bowing upon sighting the pagan idol, a symbolic image of Brand X's non-existent swimming pool. He was firmly ushered to the door by the seat of his pants and was warned that if ever found within 200 feet of Brand X, he would be sealed in cement and gently lowered into the Branx X pool. The *Topicsite* was last seen gayly skipping into the sunset; the bomb had been planted.

Revise Christmas Snow Spirit; Turn Eyes to Greener Pastures

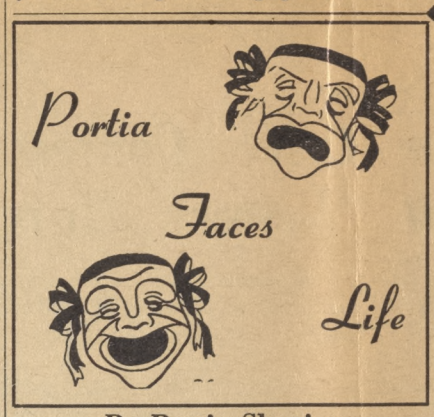
A very Merry Christmas! They're all waiting for Christmas, and Christmas means snow. It hasn't snowed on Christmas since 1910. The horses are gone and the sleigh bells are rusty, but about twenty years ago, Irving Berlin dreamed it was going to snow on Christmas. Meteorologists say it isn't going to snow on Christmas, but all Americans believe that Irving Berlin is like the Biblical Joseph—if he's "dreaming of a white Christmas," it's going to snow on Christmas. Who made him an authority, I don't know!

Maybe it will snow on Christmas. And if it does, people will say "Snoooooow!" They'll go running around and shouting, "snooow!" Children will dash for the street to make snowballs. Mothers will shut off all the electricity in the house and light the fireplace. Fathers will give instructions on how to warm cold toes. The snow myth will have begun.

They're so impractical. Christmas or not, snow makes wet goloshes; and you have to put newspaper in the kitchen. Did you ever try to get a Christmas tree full of snow into the living room?

If it ever did snow on Christmas Day, automobiles would stop, policemen would get confused, and no one would ever get to see his relatives in New Jersey. There would be complete chaos! People would say what they do every other time of the year —"I can't stand snow!" but next year they'll say anyhow—"I wish it would snow!"

Our entire outlook on the snow situation needs revision. In Florida, people paint oranges on their Christmas cards and the oranges look very nice. What do we really care about memories of Grandma Moses' New England childhood? Soon, people would see trees with green leaves in December and shout, "Green, Green" instead of "Snooow, Snooow!"



By Portia Shapiro

Throngs of students including myself joined, or rather were caught in the Sing whirlwind. Neither wind nor rain could prevent a Sing meeting, only an untimely blizzard.

The days following that storm were replicas of the eighteenth century. Every type of transportation was at a standstill. Since the Kings Highway bus was, shall I say in retirement, I hiked the length of the Highway, through high snow drifts to Tilden. When I arrived in a frozen state, I was immediately deposited on the nearest radiator to defrost, and filled with a gallon of hot coffee.

Nine-thirty, our designated rehearsal time, was the cue for 400 seniors to jam the auditorium. We met the juniors in a head-on collision. I eventually managed to clear a path for the others, while my colleagues trampled down the aisle in a mad dash for the stage, using me as a welcome mat.

During the allotted hour, I kept myself amused by nudging the chorus on the rises. I nervously tore the script to little bits, awaiting my cue. Finally the great moment had arrived. I leaped towards my partner, said my part, attached myself to a conga line and danced off the stage. As the clock struck midnight I rushed following the impressed tire tracks on the snow. But we won!

Multi-Million Dollar "Spartacus" Features All-Star Cast

The struggle for super-achievement, which is now so prevalent in the world—larger satellites, king-size cigarettes, etc., now reaches the screen, as we find the most lavish and expensive picture ever filmed in the Kirk Douglas-Byrna production of *Spartacus*. *Spartacus*, the story of the Thracian gladiator who raised an army of slaves, gladiators and misfits that held the mighty Roman legions at bay for four years, utilizes a cast featuring some of the greatest star-names of motion picture history.

Kirk Douglas has more than met the requirements expected of him by his producer and employer, who is, of course, Kirk Douglas. Leading the cast composed of Lawrence Olivier, Jean Simmons, Charles Laughton, Peter Ustinov, John Gavin, and the boy from Brooklyn—Tony Curtis, Mr. Douglas is dominant in the role of Spartacus, which he plays to perfection. Special praise must also be extended to Jean Simmons, as Varinia, whose warm and tender performance added a touch of poignancy to the entire production.

Gavin and Laughton from Sparatcus

Seeing *Spartacus* was a sheer delight to this reviewer. It has made the screen come alive with a magnificence which he has never seen equalled. It is a movie which thrills the senses and touches the heart. If you can spare the money and the time do not miss seeing this exciting and colorful masterpiece.

—*Seymour Safransky*

Staff Explores T.A. On 'Good Will' Tour

Except in severe cases of rain, where students generally swim to school, everybody goes by bus. The Transit Authority controls the buses. To keep students informed is a policy of the T.A. Therefore, some *Topics* editors were invited to the East New York bus shop and garage to see how the whole operation is run. There the editors saw all the effort that goes into keeping the buses running. They observed the repair shops, the paint shops and the triumph of T.A. engineering, the bubble gum scrapers.

The Transit Authority frowns on adding artistic touches to advertising posters and holding picnics in the backs of buses. This seems sensible enough, considering everybody uses the buses. If somebody mutilates a bus all the other riders are hurt.

Lunch was served and souvenirs were distributed to all editors. Anyone know what to do with a spare bus driver?

By Seymour Safransky

The holiday season is now upon us and we will soon usher in a new year. Just like the rest of the city, Broadway is all decked out for the yuletide festivities . . . featuring a varied assortment of already-familiar and newly-released shows. While this column realizes that most students do not possess the funds that are needed to buy tickets for a Broadway production, a little "parent-persuasion," employing the fact that the show "might help me in school" would remedy the situation. . . .

You Can Tell Your Parents That . . . My Fair Lady, certainly needing no introduction in its fifth year on Broadway, is currently featured at the Hellinger Theatre. It's an excellent way to improve the student's diction and a *must* for beginning elocutionists. . . . *Bye Bye Birdie*, last season's musical about the impact on the country of an Elvis Presley type of singer (don't tell them that), provides much-needed material for the ornithologist and the nature enthusiast. Starring ever-funny Dick Van Dyke and Chita Rivera, it may be seen at the 54th Street Theatre . . . *Do Re Mi*, a production designed to cater to the classical music requirements of the student, is actually based on Garron Kanin's novel about the juke box industry. Playing at the St. James Theatre, it stars Phil Silvers. . . . Lerner and Loewe's new smash-hit musical, *Camelot*, starring Richard Burton and Julie Andrews, opened last week at the Majestic Theatre. Dealing with the medieval Knights of King Arthur's round table, it's tops for history bugs.

After the Holiday Season Is Over, What Will We Do TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW? . . . Although these last five words may be recognizable to you as part of a quotation from *Macbeth*, it will be another Shakespearean masterpiece that we may soon see. Joseph Papp, producer of the Shakespeare Festival, has reecived official city sanction to stage *Romeo and Juliet* in the city's high schools and junior high schools after January 1.

THIS IS FOR EVERYBODY . . . Before I expire my allotted space in this corner of *Topics*, I would like to extend to all, in as many ways as I can, a wish for a *Bonne Année; Ein glücklickes neüs Jahr; Felice capo d'anno; Feliz año nuevo; Gott nutt år; A glicklekhn Nay-you; HAPPY NEW YEAR.*

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ON THE SIDELINES

with

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As we promised last issue, we are mentioning the work of Tilden's defensive line. All the boys on the defensive squad performed admirably throughout the campaign. The unit's moment of glory came in the thrill-packed Midwood game, when the boys combined to halt the Middies in the waning minutes of the game.

Defensive line, top, left to right: Al Sachs, Vinnie Locurto, Barry Kraft, Neil Rashkin, Al Weitz. Bottom, left to right: Arnie Said, George Pena, Charles Bridges, Marty Senall, Jeff Bruckensten.

When we write the stories on the games, we can't always find space for every important event. Thus, we'd like to compliment here the outstanding play of Arnie Said—on defense—in the Erasmus and Midwood games and, more recently, the excellent work of end Jeff Bruckenstein (who caught four passes) and quarterback Steve Small in the Jefferson game. This was Steve's first game as a starter, and he proved to be a fine field general.

On December 7, at the Hotel New Yorker, the *Journal American* All-Scholastic Football Awards Banquet was held. Honored were Ronnie Bliey, named to the paper's all-scholastic team, and co-captain Marty Senall, who received the Lou Gehrig award for sportsmanship, courage, and ability.

. . . Willie Bright, Jeff Bruckenstein, George Pena, Harvey Rubin, and Al Sachs made honorable mention all-PSAL in the New York *World Telegram*. Bruckenstein, Pena, Rubin, and Marty Senall got similar honors from the *Post*.

FLASH!

The *Goldmen* continued on their winning ways as they trounced Grady, 66-36. The victory which followed the 87-56 rout of Westinghouse, gave Tilden a 2-1 league record (5-1 overall).

Bobby Kranz led the *Blue Devils* in scoring as four men hit double figures. Bobby scored 17, Arnie Schanker 16, Richie Eigen 12, and Billy Mirkin, 10.

Following that, however, the *Goldmen* dropped a crucial contest to an unbeaten Erasmus squad, 76-62. The loss put Tilden in third place in Divis ion II, and they must now beat Wingate on January 4 if they wish to make the PSAL post-season playoffs.

Bobby Kranz led Tilden in scoring with 25 points, and the *Blue Devils'* prime candidate for first team All-City exhibited some nifty shooting which kept his team in contention. Bobby was particulary deadly from the foul line with 15 for 17. Bill Cunningram paced the *Dutchmen* with 31 points, plus strong rebounding.

Every Wednesday morning at about 8 o'clock, 54 boys compete in a bowling league designed for those whose schedule does not permit them to join the bowling team. Called the *Tilden Early Birds*, the group is the idea of Mr. Solomon and is run by Mr. Wechter. The league has 18 3-man teams and was formed to enable late session boys to bowl in an organized group. The first two teams, and the leading individual scorer, will receive trophies.

Good News

In their first meet of the season, the swimming team defeated New Utrecht, 41-29. Coach De Fronzo's *Mermen* turned in four first place finishes while winning. Robert Broderick, 100 yard freestyle, Richard Levinson, 100 yard breaststroke, Joe Rost, 200 yard freestyle, and the 160 yard relay team of Larry Handelman, Mike Cherbins, Ted Feldman, and Tom Garcia all finished ahead of the field.

. . . And Bad

As you probably know, the football team was defeated this Thanksgiving by Jefferson's come-from-behind surge. Nevertheless, the *Marsmen* wound up with an enviable 4-2 record, third best in Brooklyn.

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Goldmen Top Jefferson, 70-69, Drop League Opener To Wingate

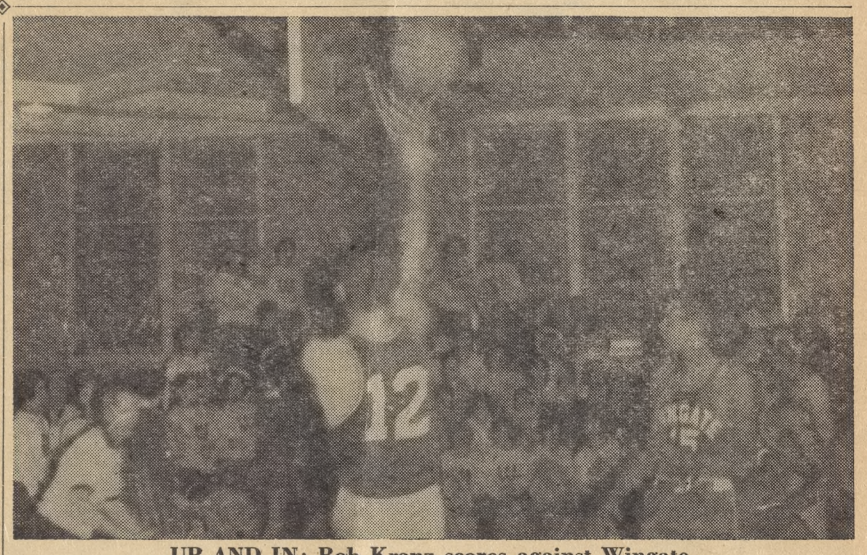
With a strong showing in their next two outings, Coach Jerry Gold's Tilden basketball team defeated Jamaica, 61-44, and Jefferson, 70-69, in double overtime, to boost their record to 3-0.

The *Blue Devils* made it two straight as they routed Jamaica 61-44. Bobby Kranz paced the Goldmen's scoring attack with 23 points, and was followed by soph Ira Wechsler with 14, and Len Kamin, 11.

Tilden made it 3-0 when they edged arch-rival Jefferson, 70-69. Billy Goldstein netted 19 points to lead Tilden, while Arnie Schanker had 18, and Bobby Kranz, 16.

Although the Goldmen trailed 36-35 at the half, a strong second half spurt, led by Arnie Schanker, carried the Blue Devils ahead 59-56 with two minutes to play. Jeff battled back, however, and the game went into overtime at 62-62. Arnie's foul shot, under extreme pressure with six seconds to go, tied up the game.

In the first overtime, both teams scored six points and it ended 68-68. However, Tilden had to battle back from a 68-64 deficit, with two foul shots apiece by the redoubtable Schanker and Kamin deadlocking it.



UP AND IN: Bob Kranz scores against Wingate.

Tilden finally won the game in the second overtime. After Jeff's Shelley Jackson hit a foul shot that sent the Orangemen ahead, 69-68, he missed the second that would have given them victory. Schanker got the rebound, and then Arnie assisted beautifully on the winning basket as he hit Billy Mirkin with a perfect pass by the key, and Billy drove in to score the winner.

The league season started for the Blue Devils on December 2. They were beaten 59-57 by Wingate.

Wingate raced ahead to a 51-38 lead in the early moments of the fourth quarter, but the Goldmen almost overcame the Generals margin with a great comeback.

Bobby Kranz, who scored a tremendous 30 points, and Arnie Schanker with 16, led the Tilden drive as the Goldmen almost took the verdict. Richie Eigen's basket with 12 seconds to go made it 58-57, and the Goldmen then stole the ball and drove down court. Schanker drove in and was apparently fouled by the defense. No foul was called, however, and seconds later a Wingate foul shot put the game beyond Tilden's reach.

Tilden (70)				Jefferson (69)			
Player	*FG*	*FT*	*P*	*Player*	*FG*	*FT*	*P*
Kranz	6	4-4	16	Birnbaum	5	5	15
Schanker	4	10-12	18	Jackson	8	8	24
Goldstein	8	3-4	19	Mascia	1	3	5
Mirkin	3	1-4	7	Wolkoff	3	6	12
Wechsler	2	0-0	4	Albanese	0	2	2
Kamin	2	2-2	6	Bereck	3	5	11
Totals	25	20-26	70	Totals	20	29	69

Indoor Track Schedule Opens With Bishop Loughlin Meet

After completing a successful outdoor season, the **Turfmen** of Tilden are prepared to begin the indoor season. The team has selected Nick Ucci, an outstanding sprinter, as captain of indoor track. He will serve along with present captains, Jim Bisbee and Fred Nocella.

At the first meet of the indoor track season, the Bishop Loughlin on Saturday, December 10, Nick Ucci placed a close second in the Eastern Division Champs' 100 yard dash. Nick was competing with some of the outstanding sprinters on the eastern seaboard. Such a fine placing deserves much merit, especially since the winner's time of 10.1 seconds was a record.

Congratulations are also in order for a junior, Robert Cope, who placed third out of three hundred runners in the novice division. If Cope repeats his outstanding performance in outdoor track, we are certain to carry on Tilden's tradition of outstanding runners.

Swim Schedule

New Utrecht	Dec. 1
Brooklyn Tech	Dec. 8
Hamilton	Dec. 15
Jefferson	Dec. 20
Boys	Dec. 22
Wingate	Jan. 5

Meeets Start at 3:15 p.m.

Bowlers Get Split In First Four Meets

Tilden's bowling team, after dropping its season's opener, came back strongly in the subsequent three matches.

On November 9, Sheepshead Bay High School downed the *Tilden Keglers* in Tilden's first match of the 1960 season. Sheepshead won, at their home alleys by the very close score of two to one.

In their home opener, under the leadership of Coach Herman Ginsberg, Tilden revenged its loss by overcoming Alexander Hamilton High School by the margin of two to one on November 16.

Two days after the Hamilton match, Tilden added another victory to its record by outbowling Midwood. The final score was two to one.

Tilden's next match, on November 30, was an away game against Wingate, last season's Borough Bowling Champions. In the final moments of competition, Wingate pulled through with a small margin of under fifteen pins. The final team score was Wingate 2, Tilden 1.

Touchdown Talk

The Jefferson game played this Thanksgiving marked not only the close of a successful season for the Tilden football team, but the end of a glory-packed high school career for a truly great player—Ronnie Bliey. In his two years at Tilden, Ronnie has been lauded as the finest, most spectacular high school running back in New York City history. Sportswriters have dubbed him with a slew of nicknames, ranging from the "Tilden Tornado" to the "Clearwater Comet," and no one will dispute the fact that he deserves every word of praise he gets.

Last season, while leading the *Blue Devils* into the City Championship game, Ron scored 16 touchdowns and 104 points. He broke the all-time City ground-gaining record with 1376 yards, for an average of more than ten yards per carry. This year, he was even more sensational, tallying 138 points—six short of the City scoring record—in only six games. His 18 touchdowns included bursts of 85 and 82 yards from scrimmage and kickoff sprints of 92, 88, and 80 yards.

Ron's amazing feats have not gone unrecognized, either. He was named on the first team all-PSAL squads of the *Journal American, Daily News, Post, World Telegram,* and *Herald Tribune*. In addition, he was voted most valuable player on the *Post's* team, and made the *Telegram's* all-Metropolitan Area squad. His rare combination of size (6'1", 195 lbs.), exceptional power, sheer speed, and all-around know-how, have attracted college scouts from many areas. Ron, however, wants to attend an eastern school and attain a B.A. in either health education or business administration.

Right now Ron is glad to be at Tilden. He feels that if he had been able to begin high school here, he would be more advanced both scholastically and athletically. His greatest satisfaction came in last year's Flushing contest, his "best all-around game," which put Tilden into the City finals. Ronnie, indeed, has a career to be proud of. We of the *Topics'* sports staff wish him a lot of luck in a future which we are sure will be chock full of success.

By Susan Rothberg and Leonard Zwerling

As you glance through the other articles in this issue, you may notice that the Christmas vacation has been torn open, completely disseminated, and laid aside like a discarded toy. Even so, we have neglected to mention one important aspect. Foreseeing that you haven't as yet made your resolutions for the new year, we would like to offer a few suggestions:

1—Try not to fail all finals.
2—Try to make up for mistakes during the term on Regents.
3—Try to adopt a positive school attitude.

Is There a Ham in the School?

Alan Sherman, 5D, Carl Saltzman, 5P, and Alan Goldstein, 5S, are forming a Ham Radio Club. Mr. Goldfarb, a member of the History Department, is their faculty advisor. Each of the boys is a ham operator, and they have applied for a license to operate a radio station in school. If any boys (or girls) are interested in joining this club, please come to Room 237, the fourth period.

Alan Sherman WA20HX

Caravan Needs You

"Caravan," Tilden's literary and art magazine, is in the process of gathering stories for their forthcoming issue. But, due to a lack of inspiration, there is a lack of prose articles for the edition. If you have any talent for such writing, please offer your services to Mr. Kerner, in Room 211. He needs you!

Tildenites On Radio

On December 7, 1960, four Tilden students taped a discussion on the Electoral College to be broadcasted on WNYE on December 8. The program, "Behind The Headlines," is moderated by Mr. Harry Kraus, a former History teacher at Tilden (1946-1948). He is now a History teacher on "The High School of the Air." An announcer, director, and actor on WNYE, Mr. Edwin Starr, is a '50 alumnus of Tilden. The pupils who attended were Susan Rothberg, Jill Considine, Alan Udoff, and Barton Lilianthal. The theme of the program was the Electoral College; its purpose, arguments for and against it, and suggestions for its improvement.

Girls' Gym Leaders' Club Forming

The Girls' Health Education Department is forming a Leaders' Club for girls who are interested in furthering their athletic activities. The President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary are Eileen Kempner, Lucille Rasso, Nada Wishnack, and Jackie Dorsch, respectively. The club welcomes all girls who have had one term of Leaders' Class; an average of 85% in H.E.D.; and at least a 72% average. The faculty advisor of this Honor Club is Mrs. Marcus.

Brrr! It's Cold

As you probably know, the school was on a ten-to-four day after the snowstorm. We found this loads of fun. Very few students came and the classes, what there were of them were most informal. The types of headgear the students wore, was varied and colorful.

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As we thaw out our books and lunch we have decided to install an electric heater in our office with an attachable foot warmer.

Mr. Gold Launches "Fight for Sight"

Mr. Jerry Gold, a member of Tilden's Health Education Department, announced the launching of a campaign in Tilden High School to prevent the loss of sight. This campaign is in conjunction with "Fight for Sight."

The purpose of "Fight For Sight," an organization in which Mr. Gold is interested, is to correct the sight of many people unable to pay for the necessary materials to improve sight. There are people who can see today because of the work this benevolent group carries on.

In almost every family, there are eye-glass wearers. Members of these families have old pairs of glasses stored away and forgotten by their owners. Mr. Gold hopes that you will remember the hiding places, gather up the eye-glasses and contribute them to this worthy cause for preventing blindness.

Although the eye-glasses are no longer useful to the owners, "Fight For Sight" can alter the spectacles, and render them useful to someone else. This person could not otherwise pay for the glasses.

The "Fight For Sight" organization also requests old eye-glasses frames. It doesn't matter if they are falling apart, since the organization will repair the frames so that they can be used once more.

Anyone who has eye-glasses and or frames which are no longer of use to him, should contribute them to "Fight For Sight," by placing them in Mr. Jerry Gold's mailbox.

Part Two:

Former Students Return As Tilden Pedagogues

Top: Gottesman, Rubin. Bottom: Charnin.

In addition to the teachers mentioned in the last issue who are Tilden alumni, there are several other faculty members who are former students at Tilden.

Mrs. Gottesman, a member of the English department, who got an excellent education at Tilden, feels there is much more snobbery in the school, academically. Students were never as active in school activities as they are now. She feels that there is less enthusiasm for learning per se, and much interest in marks for college than ever before.

Former Girl Leader of Arista, Mrs. Lane, Girls' Health Education Department, noted that the most important change in Tilden was the disappearance of the individual subject clubs. Mrs. Lane noticed that the same small nucleus of students are the leaders of the most important school activities and "students would get a good deal more out of school if they participate in some school event." Mrs. Lane feels that there is much less formality today, and students now speak more openly in front of teachers." She feels Tilden has a friendly atmosphere starting with the administration and going down to the students.

Another ex-Arista member, Mr. Irgang of the Math and Accounting Departments, noticed that the "faculty seems to be much younger," and the students think of teachers as being more human. When Mr. Irgang was here in, to quote him, "the pre-Civil War years," (class of 1947) a relatively small minority went to college.

Mr. Irgang, who was a member of the swimming team and a *Topics* reporter, feels that the students of today are more socially mature and willing to take on more work.

Mr. Charnin, class of June '52, of the Physical Science Department doesn't see much of a change in Tilden. There are still good and bad students, teachers still tell the same jokes, and is the same school spirit. However, politically, the students seem much more interested in the world happenings. He feels that a greater emphasis should be placed on the solid subjects of science, math, and languages than is placed on electives.

One of the differences, Mrs. Rubin, of the Secretarial Department, has noticed since her return to Tilden is the present curriculum is much more flexible. There are now honor classes and general classes. Mrs. Rubin remarked that students are "not very individualistic," they conform even in dress style. The aims of the students are higher and the number of dropouts is lower.

After having interviewed all these teachers and listened to their opinions, the majority seem to feel that Tilden is one of the finest high schools in the city and they all appear to be glad to have returned. I don't think I'll become a teacher, but if I do, maybe I will return here to teach.

Susan Rothberg

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